GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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CANCELLATION OF FLIGHTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines and Air India are incuring heavy losses every year due to cancellation/delay of flights due to dense fog or otherwise;

(b) if so, the number of flights cancelled/delayed due to dense fog or other reasons during the last two years;

(c) the estimated loss incurred by Indian Airlines and Air India due to cancellation/delay of flights during the above period;

(d) whether the CAT-III-A system installed at various airports to facilitate landing in foggy conditions proved ineffective;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) the amount spent on installation of such system; and

(g) the corrective measures taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): The details of number of flights cancelled are:

	Period	Flights cancelled
Air India	2003-04	272
	2004-05	157
Indian Airlines /Alliance Air	2004-05	774
	2005-06(upto October)	297

(c): Does not arise.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.

(f): The total amount spent on installation of CAT-III-A system is Rs.43 Crores at Delhi Airport.

(g): Both Air India and Indian Airlines have already taken steps to train their Pilots for CAT II/III system.